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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Harry Flournoy.

Whereas, Harry Flournoy, who hails from Gary, Indiana, was a member of the Texas Western College basketball team that won the 1966 NCAA championship;

Whereas, This memorable victory is captured in the movie "Glory Road" for all to see;

Whereas, Coached by Don Haskins, the Texas Western College Miners revolutionized collegiate sports in the Civil Rights era;

Whereas, Coach Haskins, unable to recruit white ball players, scouted black stars for his team;

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Whereas, In order to avoid conflict between the white and black players on the team, Coach Haskins drove his players to near exhaustion;

Whereas, With no time left for bickering among themselves, the team banded together;

Whereas, The underdog Miners made it to the NCAA championship in 1966, when Coach Haskins started five black players against an all-white Kentucky lineup;

Whereas, The Miners defeated the Kentucky Wildcats by a score of 72-65;

Whereas, Coach Haskins, whose victory is credited with desegregating college sports in the South, always stated that he simply sent his best five players onto the court; and

Whereas, Harry Flournoy is a member of an historic team and will always be remembered for his outstanding talent on a team that will live on in the annals of basketball history forever: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 recognize Harry Flournoy for the role he played in the Texas Western
3 College victory over the Kentucky Wildcats.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Harry Flournoy.

